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 NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION
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GENERAL INFORMATION

4. Billing and Collections: (Cont'd.)

K. Plurality of Services: (Cont'd.)

3. Separate Meters – Separate Billing

At the Company's option, the Company shall install as many meters as a customer shall reasonable require because of unique physical or load conditions, provided that the circuit or circuits connected to each meter are kept separate from all other circuits. The service rendered through each of such meters shall be computed separately and billed on the applicable filed Rate Schedule. The installation of an additional meter at a building under his provision shall not entitle an applicant or customer to an additional allowance under Rule 2.B.(5) and 2.B.(6) of P.S.C. No. 119 – Electric.

Additional meters shall not be installed for the purpose of qualifying the customer's load for service under a different service classification than that otherwise applicable under Rule 4.K of P.S.C. No. 119 – Electric.

L. Customer Deposit:

1. Deposit Requirements

Residential

- (a) The Company may require a customer deposit from:
- (i) Seasonal or short-term residential customers taking service for a term that does not exceed one year; or
 - (ii) Applicants who do not provide proof of their identity upon application for service; or
 - (iii) A customer who has never had Company service in their name and has a high risk credit score (e.g. a customer with a FICO score of less than 650); or
 - (iv) A customer who is not currently receiving service but has a prior Company account with an unpaid debt; and
 - (v) A customer as a condition of receiving utility service if such customer is delinquent in payment of his or her utility bills. A customer is delinquent for the purpose of a deposit assessment if such customer:
 - (aa) accumulates two consecutive months of arrears without making reasonable payment, defined as ½ of the total arrears, of such charges before the time that a late payment charge would become applicable, or fails to make a reasonable payment on a bi-monthly bill within 50 days after the bill is due; provided that the Company requests such deposit within two months of such failure to pay; or
 - (bb) had utility service terminated for non-payment during the preceding six months.

Customers included in Rule 4.L.1 shall be provided a written notice, at least 20 days before the deposit is assessed, that the failure to make timely payment shall permit the Company to require a deposit from such customer. If a deposit from a customer who is delinquent by virtue of his or her failure to make a reasonable payment of arrears, is required, the Company shall permit such customer to pay the deposit in installments over a period not to exceed 12 months.

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